

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, July 10th, 2013

Benton Charter Township Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1945 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Rob Gruener, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, 2nd Vice President Mike Moran. Absent was Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 9 departments represented with 23 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of 59.00 and 50/50 was \$56.00.

June minutes were presented. A motion was made by Tim Fogherty with support from Ryan Luckner to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Bill Kinsley with support from Dennis Graham to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Denny Sexton reported that there is work being done on a Landing Zone procedure. Work on the Simulcast transceiver on the AEP tower in the New Buffalo area have been delayed due to an undersized ground cable.

Emergency Management: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that the Relay For Live event at the fair grounds and the races at Red Bud went well, and that both events were well prepared for any medical issues due to Special Event Pre-Planning.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- None

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Denny also spoke on the importance of Special Event Pre-Planing.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that the training committee is getting ready for the 2013/14 Firefighter I&II Class and that they are looking forward to a full class again this year. Application packets will be coming out soon.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Gerry reported that he has not received any updates, but there are some new pictures from Camp 9-1-1. They have been posted to the website under the Training link.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- None

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- The Sheriff reported that so far it has been a busy summer. The Sheriff's Dept. is running extra patrols in Benton Harbor. The Sheriff also reported that the B.C.S.D. will not be giving a proposal to Benton Township for police protection, Sheriff Bailey stated that Benton Twp. needs to resolve their issues with the Police Union. This was met with applause from the BCFA membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The membership had a moment of silence for Retired Niles Twp Firefighter Gene Baker who passed away last month, and also for Emily Boyd-Sarno, daughter of Bridgman Firefighter Bill Boyd and wife of St. Joseph Charter Township Firefighter Andrew Sarno. Emily passed away this past Sunday.

Host Chief Dan Durhahm thanked everyone for coming and announced that Benton twp. F.D. will be going to two man crews. As a result they will be closing their south station.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Dennis Graham. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2005 hours to a presentation by Val Grimes and her team from Berrien County Animal Control about large animal rescue, identifying and recognizing canine behavior, and being aware of exotic pets.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Gruener

**The next meeting will be held on August 7th , 2013
At the Berrien County 4-H Fair Grounds.
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**